

## Welcome music

Nathan Kelerstein and Chrissie Forster

## Introduction

Richard Kool, Victoria Shoah Project

## Beware the Beginnings: Towards Kristallnacht

Kristin Semmens, History Dept. University of Victoria

## Candle lighting ceremony

Julius Maslovat, Isa Milman, Nathan Kelerstein, Micha Menczer, Charlotte Schallié, Isaac Ickovich, Habonim D'ror youth

## Ki HaAdam, Eitz HaSade/ "for as a human, so the tree of the field"

Annabel Wind

## Promise and Peril in Community Responses to Hate

Matt James, Political Science Dept.  
University of Victoria

## Reading from Anne Frank's diary

Eva Stanger-Ross

## Theme from *Schindler's List*

Youth Violin Trio with Amy Paster

## Pledge of mutual respect, support, and community solidarity

Rabbi Harry Brechner, Congregation  
Emanu-El, Victoria-area Community  
Leaders and Premier John Horgan

## Kaddish of the camps

Isa Milman

## Closing remarks

Richard Kool

## Kol Ha'olam Kulo, Gesher Tzar Me'od / "The whole world is a very narrow bridge..."

Habonim Dror Youth Group

Habonim Dror resulted from the 1982 merger between **Habonim**, a Socialist/Labour Zionist Youth group founded in the UK in 1929, and the Polish youth movement **Dror**, founded in 1915. Dror youth were involved in both the Warsaw Ghetto and Bialystok Ghetto uprisings in 1943. **Camp Miriam** on Gabriola Island is a Habonim Dror summer camp for children and youth.

## Remembering the past, envisioning a future

*Only: take you care, take exceeding care for your self, lest you forget the things that your eyes saw, lest you turn-aside in your heart all the days in your life; make them known to your children, and to your children's children. Deuteronomy 4:9*

We gather tonight in remembrance on the 79th anniversary of Kristallnacht, "The Night of Broken Glass", the night of November 9-10, 1938. That night of terror, well-choreographed by the German government, saw the burning of synagogues throughout Germany and Austria, the looting and destruction of Jewish homes and businesses, the deportation to concentration camps and the murder of Jewish citizens.

Our remembrance service is not solely about that single event and the horror that grew out of it. That past, the shared history of many of us here tonight, is a clear and strong influence on our understandings of the present and our wishes for the future.

While the knowledge of the past can push us forward with an impetus propelled in part by fear based on the history of our collective experiences, a vision of the future can pull us forward. If this vision is going to motivate us and pull us towards it, it has to be a positive vision, a vision of hope and not of fear, a vision of the possibility of creating a better world and not simply a reaction to the nervousness of our present.

It is not our task to permit a tragic past to push the next generations forward, but instead to begin to visualize a healthful future that can pull us, like a strong magnet, towards its realization.

Our coming together tonight as members of a single community containing many faiths or none, many cultures, many philosophies and many identities, is a strong statement that we are united in our vision to create, nurture and maintain a community that respects each other's differences. At the same time, we will not remain indifferent to any form of injustice. It is our hope that tonight we will have participated together in *tikkun olam*, mending the world, by reflecting on and repairing some of the brokenness from our past and collectively creating hope in our world.